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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

17 January 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 18 September 2002 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter amended replacement Claims 55 and 59, as follows.

55. (Once Amended) A memory apparatus having a playback circuit removably connected with a digital signal source to store digital data received from said digital signal source and to reproduce the digital data stored therein independently of said digital source, comprising: